POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN MISSOURI, ILLINOIS AND THE NATION.

FOLK CAPTURES COUNTY COMMITTEE

Stormy Session at Clayton Results in Victory for Him by 38 to 12.

CHAIRMAN RESTORES ORDER.

Primaries to Be Held Next Saturday and the Convention on the Following Tuesday.

Pandemonium reigned for an hour yes-terday at a meeting of the St. Louis County Democratic Central Committee in Clayton, held for the purpose of arranging for the election of delegates to the State Delegate, Nominating and Judicial

In his effort to restore order. Chairman James E. Sudduth appointed three additional sergeant-at-arms and finally in-structed them to call upon the Sheriff for seelstance if they could not quell the un

The trouble was caused by a clash be-tween the Folk and anti-Folk elements. The latter, finding themselves outnumbered, resorted to dilatory factics by first attempting to rule out proxies and then forcing an adjournment for two weeks. When order was restored the first vete, which was a test between the opposing elements, was taken and resulted in a victory for the Folk forces by a vote of

Subsequent proceedings were not of Subsequent proceedings were not be much interest to the antis and the ma-jority of them departed before the meet-ing was over, when Chairman Sudduth ruled that proxies could be voted, the anti-Folk ele-

proxies could be voted, the anti-Folk ele-ment, led by Mayor Fred Read of Fergu-son and Claude Martin of Carsonville, obson and Claude Martin of Carsonville, objected to the roll call as snown on the
record of Secretary rillier. On every attempt to proceed the antis objected in
unison and the noise was deafening.
Charges and counterenarges were made
and the processalgr, atmough benind
closed doors, could be paintly heard in
the corridors of the Courthouse, where the
meeting was heat. The chairman rapped
vigorously with his gavet, but the antis
heeded him not. Suoduth appointed
three adultional cergeant-at-arms, but
they were powerless.
The test was taken on a motion to sustain the secretary a record. Martin immediately left the meeting, but Reid remained.

ENFAIRNESS CHARGED.

UNFAIRNESS CHARGED. The anti-Folk men claimed they were not treated fairly when the call for the meeting was issued. They alleged that

the Folk followers were notified a week ago, but that their notices were not re-ceived until Thursday. By that time the proxies of the absentees had all been reaired.
This charge was dealed by the Folk men, and claimed that all the committeemen were treated equally in the matter of no-

were treated equally the matter of no-lices.

Another vigorous protest was made when a resolution was introduced provid-ing for the holding of township mass nectings in all the townships but Bon-homme, where it was proposed to hold precinct primaries in Kirkwood. Manches-ter and Valley Park. The resolution was carried. D. C. "aglor and other Folk mee in Bonhomme feared the influence of Mayor William Days and Alderman Mau-rice Cronin of Kirkwood if a township mass meeting were held at that place, and asked for the precinct primaries as a precaution.

precaution.
The primaries and mass meetings will be held next Saturday for the purpose of ecting delegates to a county convention. Clayton on the following Tuesday. The epublican primaries will be held on the une day and it is feared that some con-

same day and it is feared that some confusion will result.

The mass meeting in Carondelet Township will be held in Affon, in Central Township in Clayton, St. Ferdinand Township in Florissant and Meramec Township in Grover.

Bighty-four delegates will be elected to the County Convention. Secretary Hiller announced that the representation would be as follows: Bonhomme Township, 14; Carondelet, 12; Central, 30; Meramec, 9, and St. Ferdinand, 19.

Before the meeting adjourned Charles A. Cunningham of Ferguson was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Pendleton W. Page, who has moved to San Francisco, Cunningham was also elected treasurer of the committee.

Political Notes.

-A Folk rally will be held under the auspices of the Twenty-fifth Ward Folk Democratic Club at Muth's Hall, Sarah -According to information received at

the Folk bendquarters, primaries on State officers have been fixed in Scott County for April 2 and in Carter County for March 19. Scott County is the home of State Senator John E. Marshall and Car-ter County of State Senator George T. Lee

-Fred W. Fleming of Kansas City left sterday for home, after two days spent St. Louis. He attended the Cockrell inference Friday.

—A. M. Lawrence, who has been arranging for the Hearst mass meeting next Thursday, returned to his home in Chicago hast night, where he will confer with W. R. Hearst relative to coming to St. Louis

-The Democrats of the Twenty-eighth Ward will hold a mass meeting at Rose Hill Hall, Maple and Hamilton avenues, Thursday evening. February 25, Circuit Attorney Folk and other prominent speakers will address the meeting. ers will address the meeting.
\Word was received at the Folk head-quarters last evening that the Cole Coun-ty Democatic Committee had ordered a ty Democatic Committee had ordered a primary on State officers for April 9.

PRIMARY IN COLE COUNTY.

State and County Nominces Will Be Voted On April 9.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 20.—By a vote of II to 8 the Cole County Democratic Committee, at a meeting at the County Courthouse this afternoon, decided to hold

Courthouse this afternoon, decided to hold a primary in Cole County to vote on Democratic nominees from the governorship down to Constable on Saturday, April 2. There were mineteen votes in the committee meeting out of a possible twenty-two, and the friends of Mr. Folk for Governor were in the majority and controlled the vote on all matters.

The successful candidate at the State primary for Governor is to be empowered to pick his delegates to the State Convention. All candidates for delegates to the State Convention, to be held at Joplin to vote on national delegates, will have their names placed on the county primary ticket in Cole County, and the five highest will be selected.

SHELBY PRIMARIES MARCH 26. Democratic Committee Sets April 6 for Mass Convention.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Pana, Ill., Feb. 20.—The Shelby County Democratic Central Committee has de-cided to hold the county primaries on March 25. The county election this year will include a Circuit Clerk. State's Attorney. Coroner and County Surveyor. Aside from setting the date for holding the county primaries, the committee called a mass convention to be held April 6, at which delegates will be selected for the Congressional and State conventions. The impression seems to prevail that W. O. Wallace will be a candidate for reelection as State Senator.

The Hearst sentiment in Shelby County seems to be unanimous among the Democrats. March 26. The county election

HEATH RESIGNS SECRETARYSHIP OF REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE.

LIBERTY SCHOOLGIRLS

Liberty, Mo., Feb. 29.-Joseph W. Folk

arrived here this morning. He received

an cuthusiastic reception by a large crowd

Here he made a short address to the

students, who greeted him with the fol-

lowing ode, which they sang to the tune

America :
OFE TO FOLK.
O Full, it is of thee,
Man of integrity.
Of the we sing.
O that the world may know
Thin art the booless the.
And do their wen, o'erabien
And justice bring.

Man of courageous heart.
Who did this movement start.
Thy name I bere.
For my great work noth thinks so to thy health work action,
And from these besiders shrink
Till safe above.

A lenier do we need

A lenier do we need
Who is opposed to Ress!
Why not nave Polk?
We will not be dismayed;
A loyal man we crave;
Geverbed from nust be made.
Por these we'll wete.

Bene Field, Liberty.

Home a receptio

After leaving the college a reception was tendered him at the hotel. For more

than two hours a steady stream of voters surged by Mr. Folk, eager to grasp the

hand of the famous prosecutor.
His speech at the Courthouse was heard

nave a paint current of the says, and it is the burden of his song wherever he goes. Boodie, he and the others say, 'is not an saue,' yet is it not strange that they talk of nothing ease? If boodie is not the issue, these gentlemen have failed to inform us what the

nothing e.se. It boodle is not the issue, these gentlemen have failed to inform us what the issue is.

Take Mr. Reed's attifude and it is the same as the others. "Boodle is no issue, but the Democratic party must declare sagainst b. od-ling." If boodle is not an issue, why say any-thing about it in the platform? If it is put in the platform, how can it be said it is not an issue."

the platform, how can it be said it is not an issue.

If men who believe that the cure of corruption is not an issue insist on an antiboodle plank in the platform, it would merely be empty words intended to catch votes. It might be good politics, but it would not be common bonests. The spectacle of the nominee of that bonests. The spectacle of the nominee of that call the said of the sai

one to Inspire confidence. The people are not so guillible as to be fooled in that way.

MACHINE RULE.

This State belongs to the people, not to any class nor clique nor gang. The people should take the government into their own hands at this time. The prople ought to do their own thinking and not allow themselves to be distanted to by rings and besse. It is time to overthrow bose rule and ring tute in this State. The unachine seems to be affailed of the people. They are not willing to even have county primatice, and even every effort for county conventions where the opportunities for theartful of the propole are greatest.

It is that the people he allowed to express their is that the people he allowed to express their is that the people in allowed to express their is that the people in allowed to express their the people in the propose for the people to tule If it can help it. It wants to rain its programme down the threats of the receibe, resardless of consequences.

We need in this State more of the rule of the people members of the Pemocratic party should own the organization of the party, and not permit it to be controlled by a few for relight purposes, who think they alone have title to the party.

FOLK STOPS AT RANSAS CITY.

Says Butler Is Now More Active to St. Louis Than Hawes. Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 20.-Joseph W. Folk was at the Union Depot two hours

this morning, on his way to Liberty,
"I am well satisfied with the situation,"

Mr. Folk said. "We have asked for pri-

maries to give all Democrats a chance to

express their wishes and, out of fifteen

counties that have issued calls up to this

time, thirteen have provided for primaries.

Carroll County, one of the two that re-fused to have primaries, is to have town-

fused to have primaries, is to have town-ship conventions.

"In St. Louis we will have a contest that ought to be exciting. I understand that Edward Butter has taken charge of the opposition campaign and says I shall not have a delegate from St. Louis. Ho is now more aggressive than Harry Hawes, and the opposition seems to regard him as its leader.

"If I can judge from meetings and the spparent interest of people in St. Louis.

"If I can plage from meetings and the spharent interest of people in St. Louis, there are several wards that will not be against me. I am told that some people who buy franchises and other concessions have been putting a good deal of money into the companion."

NEW CANDIDATES TO EXTER!

Said That Rucker of Rolla and Jewett of Shelbing Will Get Into Field.

It is expected that within the next ten

days announcement will be made of new

candidates for the Democratic nomina-

tions of Auditor and Secretary of State.

According to gossip current in local cir-

cles, it is said that B. H. Rucker of Rolla, Phelps County, will be in the city next Tuesday, when he will formally decide whether to enter the lists against Secretary of State Sam B. Cook. He is a member of the well-known Rucker family which has been prominent in Missouri politics for many years. W. O. L. Jewett of Shelbina is mentioned as a possible candidate for Anditor against Albert O. Allen. Mr. Jewett is editor of the Shelbina Democrat and has been prominent in the Folk movement. He was chairman of the committee which recommended the dropping of R. B. Speed from the rolls of the Missouri Press Association and led the fight against his retention.

at the depot. Mr. Felk was driven at one

to the Liberty Ladies' College,

of "America"

Mr. Folk said:

Ascribes His Action to the Death of Chairman Hanna--Acting Chairman Payne Says It Will Be Accepted at Once.

Cleveland, Feb. 20 .- Perry S. Heath, former First Assistant Postmaster General and secretary of the Republican State committee, wired his resignation of the latter position to-day to Mr. Payne, the acting chairman at Washington, as fol-

"Due to the death of Chairman Hanna, I tender to you my resignation as secre-tary of the Republican National Commiteffective immediately."

Mr. Heath stated that the telegram told the entire story, and he had nothing to add to it.

During the latter part of last year, Mr. Heath's name was mentioned prominently in connection with those whose work in the Post-Office Department would come in for adverse criticism. About the same time came rumors that he was to resign as Secretary of the National Committec, but he denied these reports and said

he had no such intention. When the report of the President's spechal Commissioners, Charles J. Bonaparte and Holmes Conrad, was made, about the middle of December, it was found that Mr. Heath's administration of the office of First Assistant Postmaster General was severely criticised.

RESIGNATION WILL BE ACCEPTED AT ONCE.

Washington, Feb. 20.-Portmaster General Payne to-day received the rerignation of Perry S. Heath as secretary of the Republican National Committee, and announced that he would accept it immediately. The duties of secretary will devoive on Elmer Dover, the assistant secretary of the committee, until the full committee meets, a tew days before the National Convention, when a secretary will be elected to succeed Mr. Heath. Heath's action came as a surjected both his friends and crities in Washington. His explanation that it is occasionably the death of Senator Hanna is taken to mean that he realized that he was retained as secretary very largely through Senator Hanna's influence, and that to avoid all possible compactations he decided to take himself out of the Way. nounced that he would accept it imme

APPEALS TO FOLK DEMOCRATS. W. S. Logan Issues a Statement Re-

garding the Gubernatorial Stuation. W. S. Logan, one of the best-known Democrats of the State, is out with a statement to the Folk Democrats of the State, in which he details what he says are the plans of the opposition. Mr. Logan is a former member of the State Committee and was especially active in the Ninth Congressional District.

It is said that the reason of his state ment at this time is a series of confer-ences which he held with old friends in

ences which he held with old friends in St. Louis Friday regarding the guternatorial stunation. His statement follows:

To the Fook bemocrats of the State: I want to give you the plans of the So-caired machine. Here are moving heaven and earth to gefeat Fook. Any way known to them will be done to accomplish it.

The present plan is to nominate Reed without the and of St. Louis. They say to do this wond shut out Euther and Hawes, and that sadde. Fook, a true Democrat.

This plan has been worked ur: They say Reed can carry the Second District, the Third Instrict, the Fourth District and his home, kansas City, and all the Southwest counties, and all the Southwest counties. They say it this can be done it will stop. They say it this can be done it will stop to compare the ticket. This they think will sout out Mr. Folk and nominate a macaine ticket.

We want to caution them a little. Mr. Folk out Mr. Folk and nominate a macaine ticket.

We want to caution them a little. Mr. Folk will be a candidate to the end, and Mr. Cockreil will be a candidate for the Senare, and will need all the close countles, and we want to save the close countles for him above all

will need all the close counties for him above all things.

We would like to see Senator Cockrell get the nomination for President, but first we want the Legislature Democratic to elect him to the senate. Do not make any mistakes. We are more interested in the state going Democratic man we are for men.

The machine says Folk is losing ground, but they are toe people that do this taking. This we do not fear. It is true we are not as strong pointelants, but we are Democratis, not for spoils, nor for power.

If we could only one more elect a State committee for honer we would have a much larger majority of our State for honer we would have a much larger majority of our state. The majority of our state for honer we would have a much larger majority of points. Look at their action if Reed snould be successful, and this plan carried forward, instead of ignoring Hawes, the latter would again be put back in the saddle. Yours, a True Democrat.

W. S. LOGAN.

"ARE YOU A DEMOCRAT?"

Challenged Voters at Primary of Affirmatively.

"Are you a Democrat?" answered in the affirmative, provided you are duly registered, qualifies you to vote in the Democratic pri-mary of March 12. According to the Revised Statuter of 1901, page 158, this is the only test of party identification necessary for any coter to participate in the primary. Notices which have been sent out by the

Jefferson Club have aroused a great deal of comment, especially that part which says that 'for your information I desire to state that Republicans and followers of Lee Arctiwether are not entitled to vote at the primary. This is taken to mean that the voters who were Republicans and followers of Lee Meriwither are not entitled to vote at the primary. This is taken to bean that the voters who were with him in the mayoralty election three years and the primary. In the mayoralty election three pedied more than 36,000 years ago to not in the primary. In the mayoralty election three yeded more than 36,000 years election three pedied more than 36,000 years and the vote was less than 2,000 while at present the Meriwether organization is supposed to have faiten completely by the wayside.

The primary March II will be held under authority of the so-called 'Drabelle law,' which was passed by the General Assembly. In describing the conduct of the poling places and the duties of the challengers, the law says in the latter part of section 18:

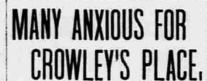
In case the right of an elector to yote be challenged, one of the judges of zuen primary shall forthwith put him on oath or affirmation to answer truly such questions as shall be put to him, and be shall make such oath or affirmation to him, and be shall make such oath or affirmation the following questions. "Are soon or after address that he has given as his name). "Do you reside at a the party holding the primary. If such elector shall make oath that he has residence." "Are you a registered and qualified voter of the elector present and only home?" (giving the address that he has given as his residence." "Are you a registered and qualified voter of the elector shall make oath that he will truly answer such questions, and shall answer in the affirmative each of the questions above given, one of the judges shall immediately enter, in the proper column of the registration books, in the presence of the elector, the words "oath samilismened," and the ballot of gitch elector shall then be received and deposited in the ballot of a contract of the cont

CASS TO HOLD CONVENTION. Delegates to State Conventions Will

Be Selected April 18. REPUBLIC SPECIAL Harrisonville, Mo., Feb. 20.-The Democratic Central Cimmittee of Cass County met here to-day and called a county convention to meet here April 18, 1994, to nominate delegates to the various State conventions. The township convections will elect delegates to the County Conven-tion, April 18, under the supervision of the township committeemen, who are four to one in favor of James A. Reed for Gov-ernor.

VALLE REYBURN ANNOUNCES.

To Succeed Himself on the Court of Appeals for Eastern Missouri. Judge Valle Reyburn of St. Louis has innounced his candidacy for Judge of the Court of Appeals, to succeed himself. He was appointed to fill out the unexpired term to which he was elected in November. 1802. Judge Reyburn has made his amouncement in a letter sent to his friends throughout the Eastern District of Missouri. His chief opponent is former State Senator Charles E. Peers of Warrenton.



Congressional Candidates Not Wanting in Illinois Twenty-Third District.

CONVENTION

Interesting Gossip About the Peculiar Conditions of a Territory Which Runs All Over the State Map.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Centralia, Ill., Feb. 29.-The Democrats of the Twenty-third Congressional Distriet will convene at Newton on March 1

SING AN ODE TO FOLK. to name a successor to Congressman Jo-seph B. Crowley of Robinson. There are ten counties in the district, which makes a wonderful appearance on the Illinois ircuit Attorney Speaks at the Courthouse in the Afternoon, and Afterwards at William Jewell.

It begins at Clinton on the west, near the Mississippi River, dives down to Jefferson, turns a back somerspult to Effingham 100 mlies north and then by a crooked course the tail finally lands in fruitful Wabash on the Indiana line. The Republican Committee, which pleaded guilty to the charge of carving the Twenty-third out of the map left its self-respect in Springfield when the General Assembly adjourned. The members of that committee were chosen by Speaker Sherman for

the job because they had no consciences. But the district exists and it contains as many brainy Democrats as any district

many brainy Democrats as any district in the State. Its conventions are prolonged and it is said to be a matter of record that a candidate was once nominated, but before the announcement could be made one or two counties discovered they had made a mistake in announcing the choice of the delegates.

But Mr. Crowley is not a candidate this year. He himself has said it. There is no dearth of material on that account, however. Nearly every county in the district has a favorite son. There will be 134 delegates in the convention, and sixty-eight will be a majority. They are divided as follows:

Crawford, 11: Clinton, 12: Marion, 20: Edingham, 15: Jasper, 13: Lawrence, 19: Wabash, 8; Jefferson, 15: Richland, 10, and Fayette, 17.

It is generally believed that Doctor Foster of Olney will have not only his own county of Richland, out Crawford, Jasper, Wabash and Jeferson. Crawford has not yet held its convention, it comes off next Monday. In one way and another it is conceded that this bunch wall start off for Foster, and if they do he will have a total of 38 votes, or only 9 short-of a nomination. ination. FIGHTS ARE BITTER,

hand of the famous prosecutor.

His speech at the Courtnouse was heard by a packed house. The auditorium was niled to the doors, every available hear of space in the room being taken, while hundreds were unable to gain admission.

Mr. Folk was the recipient on an ovation as he arose to speak. The speaker was continually interrupted by apparase. Old-timers cousider this the most remakable political meeting head here in forty years. No speaker has ever been given a greater ovation by the voters of any County.

After insishing his speech the voters rushed forward to grasp Mr. Folk is hand, and a constant cheer for Folk for Governor was kept up. For an hour Mr. Folk stood on a table and shook hands with those anxious to meet him. During the entire speech, although many hundreds were standing not one left.

The Folk people here are jubilant over the magnificen reception to Mr. Folk. At 5 o'clock he addressed the students of William Jewell College, who gave him an enthusiastic reception.

In the speech at the Courthouse, Mr. Folk said, in part;

Mr. Folk said: But that don't mean his nomination as a sure thing-not in this district. A candidate might figure 67 votes as a certainty,

didate might figure 6; votes as a certainty, and die of old age before he got the other vote. The line-up gives Doctor Foster an advantage in the early balloting, and as he is an old politician he may think he knows where to get the others he needs. It is possible the field may combine against him.

There is a suspicion that Doctor Foster is firting with several delegations, particularly with Lawrence. It is also fair to presume that he is skirmishing in every county in the district.

Now Lawrence has a candidate of its own in the person of A. L. Maxwell, editor of a Democratic paper in Lawrence-ville, and Democratic candidate for State Auditor in 1898. Maxwell is considerable of a hustler himself, and ought to stand an excellent show for the nomination on his merits. It will require some nerve to resist the pressure that will be bruoght to bear on him, for Lawrence is completely surrounded by the Foster counties if Crawford declares for the Oiney physician.

FORD IS STRONG.

FORD IS STRONG. Senator Thomas E. Ford of Carlyle h his county of Clinton behind him, and his friends believe he can command his enatorial district, if the race settles down senatorial district, if the race settles down between a western and eastern candidate, yet the friends of Wells and Le Crone object to this suggestion. The senatorial district is composed of Clinton, Marion and Effingham, with Clay, from the Twenty-fourth Congressional.

Should Mr. Ford convisce Marion and Effingham that they ought to vote for him, and also secure Payette, which is in the same judicial circuit as Clinton, he would have a formidable following—a total of sixty-five votes, or three less than a majority.

would have a formidable following—a total of sixty-five votes, or three less than a majority.

But Marion has an active candidate in ex-Sheriff Wells, Effingham another in former Representative Lettone, and Fayette's favorite son is State Attorney Spurgeon. Every one of them is popular and a candidate in carnest, and cach has claims equal to those of any candidate from either of the other counties in the district.

There does not appear to be much talk of a combination of the district gainst the western end of the district, or vice versa, but a friendly feeling among all the cardidates, whereby Foster or Maxwell in the east feels free to enter western territory for votes, and Lettene, Spurgeon, Ford and Wells in the west can enter the cast at will.

Should the western counties agree upon one man be could not be nominated without assistance from one of the counties on the east.

A long convention is promised and, as was the case two years ago, there may be an adjournment or two without a nomination, Editor C. Drew Tufts of Centralia, who was a candidate last fail, has formally withdrawn from the race. This leaves Mr. Wells as the only favorite son of Marlon in the convention and in Effingham Judge Harrah gives Letrone full swing.

Democrats in the district have the consolation of knowing that no difference who is chosen the party and district wind be well represented in Washington. There always is a great deal of politics in the district, and nobody can hazard a guess at the probable winner of the battle in the convention.

CAPTAIN PITTS RECOVERING,

He Is Expected Soon to Announce for State Treasurer. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Paris. Mo., Feb. 20.—Captain Frank L. Pitts of this county, who has been promi-nently mentioned as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for State Treasurer, has been confined to his bed for sev-

urer, has been confined to his bed for several days with pneumonia.

He has been strongly urged by many friends at home and over the State to enter the race, but so far no definite announcement of his candidacy has been made. It is generally understood among his friends, here, however, that he will make the race, and that his announcement to that effect will be made within the next few days.

Also that he will begin an active cancuss for the nomination. His physical condition is much improved to-day, and the physicians announced this afternoon that he would be out in a few days.

************ COUNTY COMMITTEE

MEETING RESULTS. Cole County-Primary for State .

St. Louis County-Primary Carter County-Primary ordered. . Scott County-Primary ordered.
Cass County-Delegate Conven-

Livingston County-Delegate Con-Audrain County-Question of convention or primary referred to

DICK TO SUCCEED HANNA;

COX AND HERRICK RETIRE.

Cincinnati Boss Is to Be the Political Power in State in Return for Support of Former Congressman.

Cleveland, Feb. 29.—George B. $\cos \alpha$ of Cincinnati left for his home at noon today after making the formal announce ment that he was not a candidate for the United States Senate, to succeed the fate

Senator Hanna. Governor Myron T. Herrick declined today to be a candidate for the office, whereupon Cox promptly announced that he was for General Charles F. Dick of Akron. Mr. Cox and Governor Herrick held a

conference this morning lasting thirty minutes. At its conclusion Cox said: "Herrick will not be a candidate for senator. I will do all I can for General Dick, and, in my judgment, no other name will be presented to the caucus." Governor Herrick said:

did not, for obvious reasons, wish to make any statement of my position in the matter of the senatorship until Mr. Hanna had been laid away. I have felt, too, that the proper time could not arrive before to-day. Last November the people of Ohio elected me Governor by an unprecedented majority. That election placed in my hands a trust for execution. My duty is plain and clear. I will execute that rust and remain in the Governor's chair." It is announced here that Cox. Herrick and Foraker have formed a new combination for the control of Ohio politics. Cox is to be the political power in Ohio, while Senator Foraker is to have the Federal patronage for his share.

Until Governor Herrick announced his determination not to run for the Senate. the plans of Cox and Foraker, it is understood, contemplated the elimination of General Dick from Ohio politics.

At 1 o'clock this morning Mr. Cox called General Dick into his room to inform him that his abdication was required, and that he would not be allowed to succeed Senator Hanna under any circumstances.

COMMITTEE DECLINES PRIMARY. Audrain County Voters Will Settle Question May 7.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL Mexico, Mo., Feb. 29.—The Audrain County Democratic Central Committee met in this city this afternoon and set the county primary for Saturday, May 7, the same day as the congressional primary. An amendment to the resolution calling for the primary, introduced by W. H. Kennan, asking that the names of all State officers be voied on at the county primary, precipitated a warm fight among the members of the committee. Secretary of State S. H. Cook, who was present, entering the argument against the amendment, which, when it was put to a vote, was lost by a vote of 12 to 6.

A resolution was then introduced by Mr. Kennan asking that a vote be taken at the county primary on a proposition to hold a primary for the nommanion of State officers. A motion to table the resolution was lost by a vote of 2 to 10, and the resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote.

At the opening of the meeting Wallace for the primary, introduced by W. H.

mous vote.

At the opening of the meeting Wallace Rogers, suuposably in favor of a primary for State officers, was unseated after a fight, it being claimed that he had not lived in the township from which he was elected a member of the Central Committee for a year. His fellow-members from Lynn Township appointed William Cunningham of Rush Hill to the vacancy, Cunningham voting with the primary advocates. Two new members were also appointed from Cuivre, C. G. Damel of Vandalia and C. A. Davault of Farber. WILL SUCCEED HIMSELF.

Judge Davis Indorsed by Every Lawyer of His District.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Marshall, Mo., Feb. 20.-Judge Samuel Davis, Judge of the Fifteenth Judicial Circult, has accepted a call, signed by every lawyer in the circuit, asking him to become a candidate for re-election

His letter of acceptance is as follows: His letter of acceptance is as follows:

Gentlemen: Your communication asking me
to become a candidate for the momination of
the Democratic party for re-election to the
office of Circuit Judge of this circuit has been
handed to me. In answer, I will say that,
with a high appreciation of the indorsement
and approval of the bars of Saline and Lafayetis countles of my discoarge of the auties of
the office of Circuit Judge, and thanking you
for the fastering terms in which you make
the request. I will become a candidate for
the momination for re-election, subject to the
artion of the Democratic party of the Fifteenth
Judicial Circuit. Very respectfully,
(Signed)

SAMUEL DAVIS.

REED SPEAKS IN HOWELL Finishes Campaign in That County-Challenges Folk to Debate.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
West Plains, Mo., Feb. 29.—James Reed closed a two days' campaign of Howell County with an address to an immease audience here at Catron Opera-house last He criticised Joseph W. Folk and read He criticised Joseph W. Folk and read many extracts from his speeches. Mr. Folk will spend three days in Howell County prior to the primaries March 12.

Mayor Reed has challenged Mr. Folk to a John discussion during this time. The fact that Howell County is the home of Judge W. N. Evans, one of Folk's managers, and that it is the first county in the State to hold primaries, makes the centest a warm one

INDORSE DOCTOR SPARKS. Scott County Republicans Want Him for Congressman.
REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Morley, Mo., Feb. 20.—The Republican

Central Committee of Scott County met at Morley to-day. A convention was called to meet at Morley on March 12 for the purpose of electing delegates to the Congressional Convention.

Charles Profit and H. R. Williams were elected delegates to the State Convention at Kansas City on March 2: W. H. Church and N. B. Cavanaugh, alternates, A resolution was unanimously adopted indorsing the candidacy of Doctor R. A. Sparks for Congress. John A. Snider's candidacy for State chairman was indorsed. Morley to-day. A convention was called

LIVINGSTON REFUSES PRIMARY. County Convention Will Take Plac March 11.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Chillicothe, Mo., Feb. 29.—The Democatic County Committee to-day called township mass meetings for March 12, to elect delegates to a county convention on March 14, which will elect delegates to the various State conventions.

A motion for a primary for State officers was defeated by a vote of 19 to 8.

Crawford County Candidates.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Robinson, Ill., Feb. 20.-The following candidates were named at the Democratic candidates were named at the Democratic primary to-day: State Attornex, William W. Arnold; Surveyor, N. D. Reed; Cor-oner, A. D. Foreman; Circuit Clerk, Henry O. Smith. The delegates to the County Convention are Joseph B. Crokley, Enoch E. Newlin, P. G. Bradberry, Edward E. Stiles, George N. Parker and A. L. Towe. The fight in Monday's convention will cul-minate on W. R. Hearst and Robert D. Williams for State instructions.

Scott County Convention. REPUBLIC SPECIALS

Winchester, Ill., Feb. 20. - The Scot County Democratic Convention will be county Democratic Convention will be held in Winchester Monday, March 3, to select delegates for the State Congression-al and Senatorial conventions, and to non-linate candidates for county officers. The committee also passed resolutions inders-ing the candidacy of Congressman W. R.



CHARLES DICK.

HARRY B. HAWES HAS LARGE DE SOTO AUDIENCE.

Disclaims Any Connection With Edward Butler. Saying That He Is in the Race of His Own Accord-

De Soto, Mo., Feb. 29.-Harry B. Hawes of St. Louis addressed a large audience at the K. of P. Hall here to-night. Despite the severity of the weather. there were delegations present from Hills-

boro, Byrnsville, Pestus and other points in the county. Mr. Hawes was met at the train this afternoon by the Railroad Band and a delegation composed of an unusual representation of inducatial Democrats, among

whom were:
Sam Brynes, Judge F. R. Dearing, Judge
J. F. Green, W. A. Welch, Harry Wumams, Henry Lederer, A. C. Fwersen,
John L. Brynes, E. J. Bean, Doctor M.
F. Higgintotnam, Isaac Letcher of Potest and George K. Williams, State Mine
Inspector. he was escorted to the Commercial Hothe was escorted to the Commercial Hotel, where, for an hour or more, a reception was tendered him, many prominent citizens cailing to pay their reprecising the machine shops.

At the meeting to-night Mr. Hawes was introduced to the audience by Judge Dearing. The speech was received with every molection of interest, and was abbraily accompanied by applause.

Mr. Hawes, in his address, said, in part:

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Seeking to avoid the question of his party disloyaity, my St. Louis opponent and his campaign managers are making use of the name of Edward Editer to try to create the impression that Edward Editer to try to create the impression that Edward Editer to try to create the impression that Edward Editer to try to create the impression that Edward Editer is taking a promisent and conspicuous part in the context. The fight in St. Louis part in the context in this fight will cut an incompension spuring the trial that the spoken to Mr. Butter's influence is continued to part of the Twelfth Congressional District. Personally I have spoken to Mr. Butter but tonce in a nethod of over two years, that during the campaign of 192. I have not solicited his support in this campaign, and if it comes to me it will be because of his personal distilke of Folk.

There are twenty-eight wards in the city of St. Louis. Of that number nine are in the liventh Congressional District. Nine are in the Edwenth Congressional District, which is the district in which I reside. This district will instruct the part of the party in this district and the Democrats in it are my friends.

I can understand how Mr. Folk would like to have the country Democracy believe that the candidacy of Folk. Just what will be decided within the next week, the American in St. Louis is Folk on the one side the American in St. Louis is Folk on the one side the American in St. Louis is Folk on the one side the American in St. Louis is Folk on the one side the American International Call of the Cal Congressional District, composed of ten wards. The leaders of the party in this district and the Democrats in it are my friends.

I can understand how Mr. Folk would like to have the country Democracy believe that the contest in St. Louis is Folk on the one side and Edward Butler upon the other. Ne cheaper piece of demagaguery has been indulged in this campaign than this statement. Mr. Folk and his campaign managers, in trying to create such an impression, are deliberately attempting to decive.

such an impression, are deliberately attempting to deceive.

I entered this contest not at the solicitation of or after consultation of any kind with Edward Butler. Any statement that I am representing him in this contest is a deliberate and maiscious falsehoed. Mr. Folk coquetted and compared with the Republican party in the campaign of 1960 and the campaign of 1960. He falled to declare himself a Democrat during the campaign, and falled to state that he would support his party nomineer, and he did this at a time when his refusal to speak or make a statement was the campaign issue. I have tried to get him to debute this question with me, but he has up to this time falled to mover my chinges, contents himself with evasion, and rests his sole case upon the falle claim that he is engaged in a contest with Edward Butler, and not Harry E. Hawes.

FIGHT ENTIRELY ON YATES. Governor's Supporters Claim He Will Have Control of Convention.

Have Control of Convention.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL

Jerseyville, III., Feb. 28.—The primaries for the Republican County Convention were held in all precincts to-day. The flight was made entirely on Yates. According to report from the various townships to-night, Yates will have a total of twenty-seven instructed delegates on Monday out of a total of sixty-two. This will be five short of instructions, but the Yates crowd claim that from the list of the instructed delegates they will be able to secure enough to control the convention.

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Rosedale Township will have a Lowden delegation, and those from Fidelity and Plasa will be for Hamlin. The anti-Yates faction claims that if the Yates crowd attempt to force instructions they will stampede the convention to Hamlin, who will be here to deliver an address.

The unexpected strength shown in the primaries for Yates to-day has, for the time being, staggered the anti-Yates leaders.

The township, outside of Jersey, beid primaries, but in the latter the machine selected a committee which reported anti-Yates delegates, and the ticket was put

WILLIAMSON DEMOCRATS PREPARE

Fill Vacancies in Central Committee and Decide on Convention.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Marion, Ill., Feb. 30.—The Democratic County Central Committee of this county was in session in this city to-day.

The meeting was called by Chairman W. W. Williams for the purpose of filling all vacancies in the committee, to arrange for the future business of the committee and to attend to any other business that may come before the meeting.

One of the principal actions of the meeting was to set a date for the holding of a convention, at which candidates will be named to represent Democrats in the county campaign. The date set for the convention is May 7.

MCGUIRE TO BE RENOMINATED. Indications Are That Be Will Be Territory's Representative.

Guthrie, Ok., Feb. 20.—The Territorial Republican Committee in session here to-day voted to meet in convention in Guthrie April 5, at which time six delegates to the Republican National Convention at Chicago will be selected, and a Delegate to Congress named It is believed Delegate B. S. McGuire will be renominated.

Yates Wins at Girard.

Girard. Ill., Feb. 29.—The Republicans of this township held their primary convention here this afternoon and selected the following delegates to the Republican County Convention to be held at Carlinville on Saturday, March 5: P. F. Clark, W. G. Sheipard, J. G. Larkin, T. W. Thacker, George L. Tipton, Charles Dix, Charles A. Woolley and G. W. Hamilton, The above delegates, though not instructed, are unanimously for Yates.

The Election Commissioners' Office in the new City Hall will be closed to-morrow on account of its being Washington's Birthday. The Commissioners considered the proposition of keeping the office open to-morrow for the purpose of registration, but decided not to do so.

COMPROMISE PLAN IN STUEVER WARDS

South Side Complications Have Brought About Dissensions in Primary Campaign.

SIX WARDS ARE AFFECTED.

Said That It Is Proposed to Give the Eighth, Tenth and the Twelfth to the Circuit Attorney.

Managers of the Folk and Hawes campaigns for primary supremacy March 12 are engaged in something more than an internal tempest in a tempot over efforts to bring about peace on the South Side between the Folk and anti-Folk elements.

A. C. Stuever and the six wards which he represents are the bone of contention. Just what the result of the present efforts to compromise will be is not prophesied

by the best of the politicians, Within the last ten days rumors have been current that some kind of a settle-ment would be made on the South Side whereby Circuit Attorney Folk and A. C. Steuver would be allowed to have the delegates to the State Convention from the Elighth, Tenth and Twelfth wards, making twelve delegates altogether.

According to the best information, Election Commissioner James McCaffrey and Police Commissioner William G. Fry. who live in the Twelfth Ward, both of whom are old friends of Steuver but who have declared for Hawes for Governor, wish to effect a compromise with Steuver in his If their plans carry there will be no fights in the six South End wards, including the

Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth wards, all of which have formerly been allied with Stuever. Of these, the committeemen from the Tenth and Twelfth, Louis Kunz and George Friday, Twelfth, Louis Kunz and George Friday, are the only ones who have not announced their intention to support Hawes.

Stuever is said to favor the plan, owing to the cost of having a fight in each of the six wards. It is said that he fears he may not be able to carry the Ninth and Eleventh wards, and is not certain about the Seventh. He feels confident of the three others. The Hawes element is not so sure of the Eighth, Tenth and Twelfth, but feel confident of carrying the other three.

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When the compromise was proposed to Circuit Atterney Folk, it is said that he fiatly refused to enter into any such compromise. Before he left the city for Liberty he is said to have announced that if any effort were made to concede three wards to Hawes, it would be over his protest, as he did not feel that he could afford to compromise. Stuever has the leadership in South Side politics, so that any agreement which he may make will probably stick.

Likewise with the friends of Hawes. His campaign committee is divided on the

HEARST CLUB AT JONESBORO, ILL. Fifty Union County Democrats Sign REPUBLIC SPECIAL

Anna, Ill., Feb. 20 .- In spite of the intensely disagreeable weather, nearly 250 tensely disagreeable weather, nearly 200 Union County Democrats met at Jones-boro this afternoon and organized a William R. Hearst club, all signing the membership roll. County Judge Monroe C. Crawford, who was a candidate for Lieutenant Governor of Illinois with John P. Altgeld, during the latter's last race for Governor, was elected president of the club and A. Ney Sessions of Anna is the secretary. scretary.

Judge William M. Prentiss of Chicago

Judge William M. Prentiss of Chisego addressed the meeting and aroused considerable enthusiasm for the young aspirant for the presidency. Union County is almost unanimously for Hearst. The Democratiq primaries will be held May 7. TO NOMINATE A JUDGE. Twenty-Sixth District Convention at

Newaty-Sixth District Convention at Newada April 27.

REPUBLIC SPECTAL.

Nevada, Mo., Feb. 20.—At a meeting of the committee of the Twenty-sixth Judicial District, comprising the counties of Vernon, Dade, Barton and Cedar, held here to-day. Saturday, April 27. was sciented as the date for holding a nominating convention.

The two candidates for the circuit judgeship, to succeed Judge H. C. Timmonds, are J. B. Johnson of Nevada and B. G. Thurman of Lamar. The convention will be held in Nevada.

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